



Senate Bill No. 173

Public Act No. 06-85

AN ACT CONCERNING ARCHITECTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Section 20-294 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

The board may suspend for a definite period, not to exceed one year, or revoke any license or certificate of authority issued under this chapter, after notice and hearing in accordance with the regulations adopted by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, or may officially censure any person holding any such license or certificate of authority and may assess a civil penalty of up to one thousand dollars, (1) if it is shown that the license or certificate was obtained through fraud or misrepresentation, (2) if the holder of the license or certificate has been found guilty by the board or by a court of competent jurisdiction of any fraud or deceit in such holder's professional practice or has been convicted of a felony, (3) if the holder of the license or certificate has been found guilty by the board of gross incompetency or of negligence in the planning or construction of buildings, or (4) if it is shown to the satisfaction of the board that the holder of the license or certificate has violated any provision of this chapter or any regulation adopted under this chapter. The board may reissue any such license or certificate which has been revoked, and may modify the suspension of

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any such license or certificate which has been suspended.

Sec. 2. Section 20-296 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

The board may, upon the complaint of any one or more licensed architects or on its own motion, request the Department of Consumer Protection to inquire into the existence of any violations of the provisions of this chapter or the regulations adopted under this chapter. If the board determines that a violation of any such provision or regulation exists, the board may issue an appropriate order to the person or persons found to be so violating such provision or regulation, providing for the immediate discontinuance of such violation, or may assess a civil penalty of up to one thousand dollars, or both.

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